

**Abstract**

Information concerning criminal and/or civil litigation pending in a plurality of courts of law is disseminated by periodically reviewing records in a plurality of courts of law.

5 The courts of law may be in a plurality of states and may be federal and/or state courts. Data obtained from the records in each of the plurality of courts is transmitted to a database. The database is accessed with terminals which communicate with the database by a network, such as the  
10 Internet. Data relating to the criminal and/or civil lawsuits is transmitted from the database to the terminals which access the database. The data relating to the lawsuits may include data indicating the identity of plaintiffs and defendants, data indicating the identity of the attorney or  
15 attorneys filing the lawsuits, data indicating the cause of action of the lawsuits, and/or data indicative of the disposition of the lawsuits.

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